PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 98,162)

In re Application of:

DeGendt, et al.

Dear Sir:

Serial No.: 09/022,834

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For: METHOD FOR REMOVING ORGANIC)

CONTAMINANTS FROM A A SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Examiner: Ahmed

AMENDMENT

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 1, 1999, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-26 without prejudice.

REMARKS

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, Applicants were requested to affirm the election of claims 27-50. Applicants hereby affirm the election and cancel claims 1-26 without prejudice in order to file those claims in a divisional application.